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Job Tensions Cited in Fatal River Plunge

Pressures of his assignments with the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency may have driven James A. Woodbury to plunge to his death in the Potomac Saturday, a brother said yesterday.

Maynard Woodbury, who said he had no forewarning of the tragedy, blamed a "combination of pressures that built up . . . in connection with the work he was doing and so on." He mentioned "security aspects" of the job as one of the factors.

Woodbury's wife, Dorothy, who leaped into the river with her husband, was under treatment for shock yesterday at Washington Hospital Center. Searchers, meanwhile, covered some four miles of Potomac shoreline in vain attempts to recover Woodbury's body.

When she was pulled from the river, Mrs. Woodbury told police she and her husband jumped in together because "they wanted to put him in a psycho ward."

Maynard Woodbury, who lives at 4519 S. 31st ave., Arlington, said the Woodburys' two children, Jeff, 10, and Parris, 8, have been taken in by another brother, Wendell, of 417 S. Lee st., Alexandria.

Relatives said they noticed no substantial change in the Woodburys when they returned about two months ago from a two-year overseas assignment to their home at 141 N. Hartford st.

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